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Get Well wishes are extended to Council President Marilyn J. Praisner. We wish her a speedy recovery!



CURRENT ON-GOING EVENTS AT THE CENTER !

Employment Services Offered in East County - The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, provides employment counseling the third **Thursday of each month from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.** The next date for this is **December 20th**. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400.

Language Classes held at Regional Services Center - Two ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, will be open for enrollment in January 2008 at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center – one beginner class and one intermediate class. The classes will meet on Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and are free with a deposit. They are offered in partnership with the Chinese Culture and Community Center. For information call 240-777-8400.



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Topics of Interest

- Update on Spanish Classes, Free ESOLclasses at EMRSC.
- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- Employment Services at EMRSC
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center

EVENTS HELD AT THE CENTER— Regional Job Fair - The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center hosted their first EAST COUNTY REGIONAL JOB FAIR on November 1. Co-sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, the East County Community Center, MontgomeryWorks, Manpower and Congressman Albert Wynn, the Fair took place at the East County Community Center, 3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring. The room was buzzing all afternoon with over 200 job-seekers, dressed to impress and presenting resumes to the 40 attending employers hoping to find the right people. The excitement was boosted with the



raffling of wonderful door prizes contributed by residents and businesses of east county. Job seekers were additionally able to have their resume critiqued and polished by employment counselors in an adjoining room, compliments of MontgomeryWorks, the county's workforce services department. Businesses attending included Montgomery County Government (Fire & Rescue Services, Department of Police), Safeway, Manpower, MontgomeryWorks, U.S. Postal Services, Verizon, Montgomery County Montgomery College, Holiday Inn, Holy Cross Hospital, FedEx, University of Maryland, Target, Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning, and Transportation Security Administration, among others.



Community Yard Sale at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center- "Diamonds in the Rough" - The last community yard sale was held on Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center Park and Ride lot. Vendors arrived at 6:30 am to register and set up their tables. EMRSC has been holding the sales since June 2007 and have donated close to \$4,000.00 (proceeds from the parking spaces) to non profit organizations such as *Habitat for Humanity, The Peoples Community and Wellness Clinic and The Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network*. EMRSC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants in making this community-wide event a BIG success and looks forward to holding this event sometime again next summer.



AARP AARP Driver Safety Class - The AARP Driver Training class drew over 25 people to its class on **Saturday, November 10th**. The class, traditionally known as "55 Alive" is designed to enhance the skills of senior drivers, aged 50 and over. The 8 hour course was taught by John Nash, an AARP volunteer and East County resident, and is always a lively session full of very useful driver information. The additional benefit of taking the course is the 10% discount possible from your vehicle insurance carrier. For more information about Senior Driver Training classes, please go the AARP web site: www.aarp.org

Partner of the Month

Featuring Our Volunteer Friends of The Eastern Montgomery Center

This is the first of a series of articles to recognize the volunteers and partners of EMRSC



Lucy and her ESOL class

We salute our volunteer friends to show our appreciation for improving the quality of life of others by providing a needed service. Because of their thoughtfulness and generosity our community is a better place for all of us to live.

"Lucy Klaus-Li" is a highly respected ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) instructor at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. She has a class of 25 dedicated students, from 15 different countries around the world – dedicated because Lucy is a very special person. What makes Lucy so special is that she is more than just the teacher, she is a friend who cares about the welfare of her students. And, she has a way of creating a classroom of students who care about each other.

They celebrate holidays together, go on outings together and, most of all, support each other's progress. One recent class outing included a trip to the Mall in D.C. Some had never made this visit and others were not familiar with using the Metro train. So, Lucy met them on a Saturday morning and spent the day exploring and learning about our nation's capital. They re-grouped at her home afterward for a potluck. Speaking of food, tea and snacks are always on in the classroom, and ethnic dishes are an occasional treat. Lucy is far from new to volunteering. She began her volunteer service while spending 3 years in West Africa where she taught English in a mission school for boys. She then spent 2 years in Kenya where she helped street women develop skills for the workforce. Lucy continued volunteering over the years and has been in her current role with the African Immigrant Refugee Foundation for 3 years. She additionally teaches a second ESOL class for the Rosemary Hills Community School. Lucy says she does it because she likes it. She reports, "If people can speak English, then their life will be better." Lucy has lived in the Silver Spring area most of her adult life. She has a daughter age 36 and a son age 37. And, she has many, many friends because she is a friend to so many. *We are very privileged to have Lucy on our team!*

"Not what we give but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."James Russell Lowell

Montgomery County's Affordable Housing Task Force to Hold Public Work Session on December 12, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. For further details click

http://montgomerycountymd.gov/content/home/pdf/housing_flyer.pdf

UPCOMING & EVENTS HELD IN EAST COUNTY !!!



CALLING ALL LOCAL EAST COUNTY AUTHORS!!!

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center is planning a special event this Spring for published authors of books. Residents interested in participating and/or gathering more information, please call Eastern Montgomery Regional Center @ 240-777-8400.

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NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Environmental Corner - Did you know that 60% of electricity in Montgomery County is generated by fossil fuels: coal, oil, and natural gas? Reducing electricity consumption helps improve our air quality and reduces carbon emissions responsible for global warming. Keep the holidays bright and save money on your electric bill with these energy-efficient decorating tips!

Energy-efficient Lights: December decorations such as extra indoor and outdoor strings of lights increase winter energy bills. Most people currently use standard incandescent C7 lights or mini-lights. Energy-efficient technologies which can reduce your energy costs include LED lights, fiber optic trees, and light timers.

LED lights - LED lights have a number of benefits over conventional lighting:

- (i) They *use 90% less energy* than conventional lights ; (ii) *Safety*—the bulbs are cool to the touch no matter how long they are left on, so they won't burn. (iii) The epoxy lenses of these sturdy bulbs are *virtually indestructible* & (iv) *Long life span*—bulbs last up to 100,000 hours or more and used indoors, half the outdoor span.

Fiber-Optic Artificial Trees The fiber-optic artificial tree uses a *single* incandescent bulb ranging from 5 to 50 watts, depending on the size of the tree. Light is transmitted from the single bulb (so there's only one bulb to replace) through hundreds of very small fibers and emitted along each branch of the tree. Fiber optic lights are cool to the touch as the fiber only transmits light not heat energy.

Light Timers Reduce your energy use further by running your lights on a *timer* pre-set for three to five hours and by using mirrors and tinsel around indoor lights to increase the lighting effects.

The Bottom Line - LEDs have a higher initial cost, but keep in mind that over time, the cost to operate energy-consuming devices overcomes the initial purchase price. The City of Seattle analyzed usage of 30 days of residential rate lighting (10 strings of lights burning 8 hours a day at 8.5 cents/ kilowatt-hour) and found the cost was: \$127.67 for large lights \$7.20 for mini lights and \$0.72 for the LED lights.

Energy-Saving Stocking Stuffer Give the gift of energy-efficiency with energy-saving light bulbs also known as *Compact Fluorescent Lamps*, or CFLs. They use 60 percent less energy, and emit the same amount of light as traditional incandescent bulbs. They also last 10 times longer! Change out the most used lights in your home to get the biggest energy-cost savings. For more information on purchasing sources, safety tips, and efficiency ideas visit: www.energyideas.org/holiday. Learn more about [energy use and savings in and around the home](#), from fact sheets prepared by Montgomery County's [Department of Environmental Protection](#).



GET INVOLVED & SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY !

Resurrection Church Winterfest & Craft Show 2007

is being held on **Friday, November 30, 3:00pm-10:00 pm** and **Saturday, December 1, 9:00am -3:00 pm** at the Church of the Resurrection, Burtonsville, Maryland on Greencastle Road & Old Columbia Pike. *Lots of Crafters and Vendors, Homemade goodies, Food from the Knights of Columbus #9808, Children's Crafts and Games, Silent Auctions, Raffles, Breakfast with Santa and much more!*

Allen Chapel African Methodist Church

opened its new sanctuary on Sunday, November 18th. The community is invited to "Community Week" services on **December 3-7, 2007 at 7:30 pm each night**

Quote of the Month!

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.
A pessimist stay up to make sure the old year leaves "

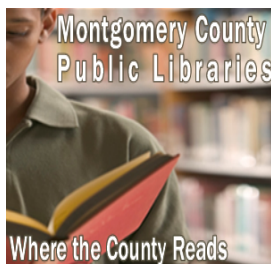
..... Bill Vaughn

Election Judges Needed for the 2008 Primary and General Elections!

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is looking for registered voters, 17 years or older, by Election Day , to work in the polls on Election Days as Election Judges. Training is provided and Election Judges receive a *stipend* for attending training and working.

Election Dates - Presidential Primary : **February 12, 2008** ♦ General : **November 4, 2008**

If you are interested please call # (240)777-8500 or visit www.777vote.org



LIBRARY NEWS! CALENDAR OF EVENTS !

Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

Tel 240-773-9460 *check it out at* <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=7>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Tel 240-773-9555 *check it out at*

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=22>

Flu Shots & Pneumonia Shots available to the Community—Washington Adventist Hospital will be providing Flu Shots (\$25) and Pneumonia Shots (\$30) to the public on **Sunday, December 9th, 1-3 pm** at **Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 2518 Fairland Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.** Flu shots are FREE for Medicare B participants. *The Community is invited to participate.*



Neighborhood Beautification Grants Available; Applications Will Be Reviewed This Fall - Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) is reviewing grant applications to fund beautification projects that help improve the appearance of communities throughout Montgomery County. For more information go to:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3974

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

**Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at
the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on
Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 7:15pm**

For questions please contact :
Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center.

To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at 240 777-2706

Senator Rona Kramer, Maryland (District 14) State Senate will be the guest speaker at the **December 5, 2007**, East County Citizens Advisory Board meeting. She will provide an update on the recent special session convened by the Governor. *The public is invited to attend!*

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to

http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp

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FREE Compost Bins

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm



The Peoples' Community & Wellness Center at EMRSC

*A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC),
Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and Mobile Med.*

If you have questions, please contact TPCWC at (301) 847-1172 or www.pcw.onehealthylife.org